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E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJ: MALI HYDROLOGIC SURVEY

1. GOM DIRECTOR OF MINES, MAMADOU KONATE UNOFFICIALLY ASKED EMBASSY FOR MORE EXTENSIVE USE OF ERTS AND ERTS TYPES TECHNOLOGY FOR MEDIUM AND LONG TERM DROUGHT RELIEF.

2. EMB OFF MENTIONED LETTER RECEIVED FROM MR. NORMAN MACLEOD WHO WAS INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN BAMAKO ERTS SEMINAR IN APRIL. MACLEOD REFERRED TO MIT DEVICE USED DURING APOLLO 17 MISSION TO MEASURE DIELECTRIC PROPERTIES OF LUNAR SURFACE. QUOTE THE DEVICE IS USEFUL IN DETERMINING THE DEPTH OF LIQUID PHASE WATER LAYER IN CONSOLIDATED AND UNCONSOLIDATED SEDIMENTS.....CAN POSSIBLY LOCATE AND DETERMINE DEPTH OF GROUND-WATER IN ARID AND SEMI-ARID REGIONS SUCH AS THE SAHELIAN ZONE. UNQUOTE. THE SIX MEMBER AMERICAN FIELD TEAM WOULD NEED TWO LAND ROVERS, COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, FOOD AND SHELTER. ACCORDING TO LETTER, DIRECTOR OF CENTER FOR SPACE RESEARCH AT MIT JACK HARRINGTON WISHES TO TEST THIS UNIT IN FIELD. MACLEOD HAS DISCUSSED WITH USAID AND NASA; BOTH APPARENTLY WERE INTERESTED.

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3. KONATE WAS VERY INTERESTED IN PROJECT, AND SUGGESTED

EMBASSY MAKE PROPOSAL TO MIN OF IND DEV MAMADI KEITA. WHILE GOM WOULD PROBABLY GIVE FULL COOPERATION PROBABLY UNABLE TO PROVIDE MUCH LOGISTICAL SUPPORT.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES PROJECT CAN PARTIALLY FILL MEDIUM TERM DROUGHT ASSISTANCE GAP IN MALI. TOTAL COST OF PROJECT WOULD BE RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE, AND IS EXCELLENT APPLICATION OF US SPACE AGE TECHNOLOGY TO AGE OLD WATER PROBLEM. WOULD ALSO DEMONSTRATE TO GOM OUR SERIOUS INTENTIONS FOR ERTS TYPE PROGRAMS RE BAMAKO 1228 AND BAMAKO 1292.

5. REQUEST CONCURRENCE PROPOSAL SO EMBASSY CAN FURTHER PURSUE. KUNIHOLM

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